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LET THE WOMEN LEARN.

What Governor Gilchrist Thinks About the Commercialism of the Fair Sex.

Though never married himself, Florida's Governor told men what kind of girls to wed in a speech at Seattle. The Seattle Times prints as follows about the speech:

Whole-souled, large-hearted Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, of Tallahassee, Fla., told the American Prison Association Congress this morning that the New South was coming to look with more kindly eyes on the business woman.

"As I journey to the northwest corner of this great country from its southeast corner," he said, "I found that woman was everywhere becoming conspicuous in business and the professions formerly given over entirely to men. I'm glad to see it. I have faith in the interest woman is taking in the business and political problems of our common humanity, because, with her finer sense of justice and fairness, she will help men to solve them."

"In fact, woman is getting to be such a bread-winner, and the responsibility of earning a living is becoming so great with her, that when I go back down South I'm going to advise all young women contemplating matrimony to be sure and see that they can support a husband before they get married."

In an interview, after his address, Governor Gilchrist said that the old order of things in the South was undergoing a mighty change, particularly with regard to women.

"We no longer seek to bring up our women as we used to," he said, "in absolute ignorance of business. We have gotten over our old chivalric idea that business would contaminate her, and that she had no part in it. Now, while we keep her on the same high pedestal as of yore, we want her to master the intricacies of business so that when her husband or other men kinfolks die she can prevent some unscrupulous scoundrel from swindling her out of her property."

An Interesting Meeting.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Trinity church held a most interesting meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Milton Smith had charge of the devotional and literary exercises. The topic for the afternoon was: "City Missions." A fine selection. "Some things we are doing to redeem our cities," was read by several members.

The Round Table Talk on the work among the foreigners by the Home Mission Society was participated in by a number of the members.

The following statistics will show some of the work we are doing for our cities: City Mission Boards, 24; Trained workers, 62; Salaried workers, 80; Volunteer workers, 339; Day nurseries, 4; Children in day nurseries, 460; Children in the kindergarten, 507; Industrial schools, 23; pupils, 1,503; Night schools, 40; students, 396; Visits made by the workers, 85,382.

Mrs. Smith told of the incoming millions of foreigners to this country, and the great need of missionary workers.

Miss Bertha Jones sang sweetly a solo, "Coming, Bearing the Sheaves," after which the business meeting was held. Mrs. Patterson, the president, in the chair. Twenty-one members and three visitors present.

The week of prayer for the Home Missionary Society will be held in Trinity church, October 10th. Leaders for the work are, Mesdames P. T. Mickler, Wm. McIntosh, F. B. Blackburn, B. M. Cates, and T. B. Byrd. Helpers will be announced later.

The General Board meeting will be held in Savannah, Ga., October 21. Our conference Woman's Home Mission Society will meet October 22-27 in Monticello. Let each society in Tallahassee district elect and send delegates.

Be a Beaster.

St. Peter sits by the heavenly gate, his hands on the strings of a lyre, and he sings a low song as he patiently waits for the souls of those who expire.

He hears in the distance the chorus of song that swells from the foot of the throne, and he smiles as the music is wafted to him and sings a lay of his own.

There is room in this region for a million of souls, who by sorrow and we are bereft; 'tis for those who have suffered the melody rolls, but the kicker must turn to the left.

There is room for people who, when they were young, persisted in sowing seeds, yet boomed up the town with sun and tongue, but the kicker must go with the goats.

There is room for the people who pointed with pride to the beauty and wealth of their town, who kept singing praises aloud till they died, but kicker will please amble down.

They would say that the music's all out of tune, and the angels robes hand-me-down, and they'd send for a Jeweler off of the moon to sample the gold in their crown.

Now, as there is room for millions of souls who by sorrow are bereft, we want no complaint of the music that rolls, so the kicker must turn to the left.

PROCLAMATION.

Governor Sets Apart Labor Day as a Holiday in Florida.

State of Florida, Executive Chamber, Tallahassee.

LABOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

The Legislature of the State of Florida has very wisely set apart the first Monday in September of each year as Labor Day, and enacted that it shall be a legal holiday in this State.

In harmony with this enactment, I, Albert W. Gilchrist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 6th, 1909, as

LABOR DAY,

and earnestly recommend that it be recognized and observed in such a way as will do proper honor to the dignity and importance of the men and women who toil.

No holiday is more appropriate than that provided as a tribute to the American laborers. Not only do they comprise the vast majority of our people, but they typify all that is best and noblest in American citizenship. To the laboring men and women of our country is due credit for our past achievements, and upon them is our hope for future growth and greatness. Well may we all pause from our usual activities and render appropriate acknowledgement to the wonderful history and unequalled achievement of American labor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,

Governor of Florida.

By the Governor,

Attest--H. CLAY CRAWFORD,

Secretary of State.

Chaires Locals and Personals.

Chaires, August 31.--Mr. Ollie Burroughs came up Saturday and remained till Sunday p. m., visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. David Chaires. Mr. Burroughs was accompanied by his two young daughters, Pauline and Emalie, who will prolong their visit a week or more.

Mr. Noble Jones returned from Savannah a few days ago and is at his farm near here.

Mr. L. S. Crump, our worthy and efficient county commissioner, was the guest of Mrs. Snipes last Thursday. Mrs. Crump accompanied him.

Mr. J. C. Upchurch arrived home Saturday from his summer outing in North Carolina.

After starting for home with her husband Mrs. Upchurch was called back by the sudden illness of her mother. Mrs. Cotten, is attending his mother's bedside also.

Mrs. Berry Boyd visited Mr. Gibbons at Sumatra last week.

Mrs. H. Brinson returned yesterday from a visit to her parents near Apalachicola.

The young people of the Epworth League are anticipating a delightful strawdite this evening. These beautiful moonlight evenings are very conducive to pleasures of this kind.

Mrs. J. H. Patterson went over to Monticello last Thursday to have some dental work done by Dr. Noble. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. Gwynn Patterson.

Sunday proved to be a very busy for Rev. Mr. Williams, he having attended the Junior League in the morning at 10 o'clock, holding the usual 11 o'clock service, driving five miles in the afternoon to marry a couple, and preaching in the evening.

The children of the Sunday School gave in \$5.00 to their Superintendent Sunday for the Enterprise Orphanage.

This new enterprise of our church is very dear to some of our hearts, and we hope it will be most liberally supported.

Mrs. Wm. Roberts was the guest of Mrs. Snipes again Sunday, and worshipped at the Methodist church.

Misses Sadye and Mae Bird Carmine are visiting relatives at Metcalfe, Ga., while Mrs. Carmine and Hollie are spending a few days at the home of their cousin, Mr. Conner, at Centreville.

Dr. B. J. Bond was out at Chaires again last week, he was accompanied by his wife and her mother. It is remarkable what a fine practice this young physician has so soon established. Not remarkable either when the character of the man is considered.

Dr. J. T. Stokes, of Lloyd, was quite busy in and around the burg last week. We believe this young physician could easily be among some city's most foremost M. D.'s, but we are glad the family ties of his wife's will keep him at Lloyd yet awhile. It is an honor to the noble profession when such men as these two enter her ranks.

The caterpillars are destroying the farmers' cotton here to a great extent. One of our young farmers who lives in sight of the church said he had to stay home from services Sunday to fight this worm, as there was danger of his well being infested by them. Thus man proposes, but God disposes.

A pretty cottage for rent on North Calhoun street. See me about it. R. Griffin Johnson, 103 E. Monroe st. 25.

GREATEST SIGHT IN 100 YEARS.

Will Be the Halley Comet Which Will Become Visible Next Spring.

Washington.--"If you live until next spring you are going to witness one of the most magnificent sights the heavens has ever disclosed before your eyes," said a well known member of the astronomical force at the United States naval observatory this afternoon. "Halley's comet comes only once in a life time, and many persons are born, live and die without ever catching a glimpse of its marvelous dash of fire across the skies. It was last seen in 1835, and few persons now alive can say they have ever witnessed it."

The astronomical world is now on the watch, and huge refracting and reflecting telescopes are trained upon the heavens from many points on the earth in a common effort to locate the comet, which is approaching the earth at a terrific rate. There is a friendly rivalry to see which will be the first to pick up the comet with their mirrors.

"The comet in its full refulgence is not due until 1910, but by spring it will probably be near enough to be visible to the naked eye. In the past it has spanned the heavens almost from horizon to horizon, covering as much as 100 degrees of celestial territory, and standing out like a great living thing of fire. It is now somewhere off in space, but not yet visible to astronomers. They confidently expect someone to pick it up before the end of 1909, and after that it will increase in splendor and size until it reaches its nearest approach to the earth, sometime next spring, after which it will disappear, not to be seen again in 75 years."

"Halley's comet has been visiting the vicinity of the earth ever since 500 or 600 years before Christ," said the astronomer. "Halley was an Englishman, whose name was given to the comet because he was the first to announce that this particular comet came near the earth at regular periods once every 75 years. He went over the records and by a series of computations found what had previously been regarded as a series of different comets, was nothing more than the same comet, and that this, the most magnificent of them all, came around regularly once every 75 years. That was during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and Halley announced that this comet would next appear in 1835. He never lived to see it come, but his successors found that his prediction came true."

"The comet's seventy-five-year journey will bring it toward us near enough for it to be seen early in 1910. It has never before been photographed, because photography was invented after 1835. Neither has the spectroscope been used upon this comet, this being another new invention. The telegraph is another facility not available in 1835, and there was at that time nothing like the great telescopic lenses of today or the great 40-inch refractive telescope at the Yerkes Observatory, 60 miles northwest of Chicago."

"With all these facilities astronomers will this time work in harmony, and a committee on comets was some time ago formed for the purpose of reporting a plan for observing Halley's comet. This committee reported at the final session of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, at the Yerkes Observatory, on Lake Geneva, Wis."

"A series of telescopic photographs will be taken at the Lick, Yerkes, Naval and other observatories in this country and all the large observatories abroad, including those at Berlin, Vienna, Paris, and Greenwich. We want to get a long series of actual telescopic photographs of this comet on its coming cruise through the heavens. The comet will first be picked up somewhere off in space by some photographic telescope. We think we know just about where the comet will make its debut, but can't yet see it. The moment it is found the news will be flashed around the world."

"There will be no trouble seeing it with the naked eye. It will illuminate the heavens. We have some early Chinese prints representing it as a golden dragon of the heaven. It will make a tremendous splash of fire. After it once comes and goes it will shoot away from the earth going as far away as Neptune, the most distant of the planets, passing all of the other planets enroute, including Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars."

"We have calculated that Halley's comet is now within the orbit of Jupiter," said the astronomer, "and is rushing toward the orbit of the earth at the rate of a million miles a day. As a faint nebula object in the constellation Orion it will no doubt be picked up in a few weeks. Celestial photography has it already located in limitless space far beyond the vision of the most delicate telescopic research. As the comet enters into the orbit of our solar system it will grow brighter every day until it becomes visible to the naked eye--the most spectacular object in nearly 100 years."

"There will be no danger of a collision with the earth. When closest it will be about 20,000,000 miles away. It should be brightest about next May."

CHANCE FOR FINE INDUSTRY.

Gentlemen Might Be Induced to Locate a Big Paper Factory Here.

Tallahassee has an opportunity of securing an industrial enterprise, at comparatively small cost, which would add greatly to the population of the town, extend its reputation considerably, and prove a profitable investment to the stockholders.

The True Democrat has had much to say in the past few months of the value of obra as a fibre plant, that from it a superior quality of paper was being manufactured, and of the adaptability of our soil to its culture.

Mr. H. F. Gaulding is now in correspondence with the gentlemen who have been more active in the introduction of this new fibre plant, and has received several varieties of paper made from same, which are exceedingly strong and of beautiful finish. Quite a number of tests have been made in some of the largest mills in this country of the value of this fibre, and all praise its excellence.

The okra, like the cotton plant, is essentially a Southern product, and attains perfection only in the moist and warm climate of Florida. Figures are produced to show that the crop is a very profitable one to the farmer, even in the States to the north of us. In Florida the production per acre could be easily doubled.

Paper in its varied uses is one of the most standard articles of commerce. The mill supplies are becoming less and less every year and other sources of supply must be found. The True Democrat believes it is the okra plant. Every portion of the stalk, root and fruit is of value.

We trust our people will thoroughly investigate the proposition in the hands of Mr. Gaulding, and if convinced of its practicability, locate a factory here. One thing is certain. No section of the country can produce finer okra.

Stetson News Notes.

Prof. Litchfield Colton, of the Department of Technology, is spending the summer at his home in Worcester, Mass. One of his favorite summer diversions is making fine furniture for his new home in DeLand. He was trained in the Boston School of Technology and at Columbia University, New York City. He is Stetson's famous foot ball coach. He has recently brought himself into great prominence in the work at Stetson University by designing and making complete specifications for the new Men's Dormitory, now nearing completion. He has also designed and prepared specifications for a number of the homes recently built in DeLand by members of the Stetson faculty. Prof. Colton has, perhaps, done more to simplify and beautify the architecture of DeLand than any half dozen men in "The Athens of Florida." His work mechanical drawing and shop work brings him into close personal touch with all the boys who come to Stetson for mechanic art courses, and through them he is making his influence felt throughout the State. The Professor takes great pride in the rapid promotion of the graduates of his department. One of them has recently been put in charge of the Erie Railroad Round House, the largest railroad round house in New York City. Another is engaged in an import railroad mining survey in the far West. Still another of the recent graduates is at present engaged by the Bond Trustee Company, of Jacksonville in making a new set of maps of the city.

Woodville Items.

August 31, 1909.--The union meeting at the Baptist Church closed last Sunday and brought joy and gladness to many hearts. Services are continued this week.

Little Coy Pittman, who has been quite sick the past week, is some better at this writing.

School opened here on Monday with a bright prospect. Several of the patrons were present. The devotional services were very impressive, and we hope for a successful year.

Many were the visitors in Woodville during the union meeting, including several ministers.

Protracted services will begin at the Methodist church September 18th. The 3rd quarterly conference on Saturday. A full attendance is hoped for. The public cordially invited.

The faithful carpenters have recently finished our W. O. W. Hall, of which we are proud.

Messrs. Russ & Rhodes have begun work on their boarding house, and we trust will hasten its completion.

We are glad to say that all the residences are now occupied. We expect some new buildings to be erected soon. Mr. Oscar Bird has moved his family into the John Robison house.

Earnest Dorsey had a pleasant stay at St. Marks last week visiting the sulphur springs.

Mr. Editor, come to see us and attend services, eat fried chicken and visit the springs. D. E. W.

Good board and nice rooms near to business part of town. 27-41 R. H. Bradford.

IN MEMORIAM.

Bernard Camillus Bondurant, A. M., Ph. D.

The members of the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Order, have received with deep sorrow the news of the death of one of their best-beloved brothers, Dr. B. C. Bondurant, which occurred at Ashville, N. C., on Thursday, August 19th.

The Chapter knew and loved him well, and mourns for him with his family, their loss is the Chapters loss, and by his untimely death Kappa Alpha has lost one of its most efficient knights and a true and loyal brother.

Last spring Dr. Bondurant's health suddenly failed. He was an earnest student and no doubt worked too hard, overtasking an enfeebled body in his devotion to his chosen profession. In company with his brother, E. T. Bondurant, of Rice, Va., he left here in April, going to San Antonio, Texas, where under the affectionate care of another brother, W. W. Bondurant, of that city, he hoped to regain his health. In the early summer he removed to Ashville, N. C., and there died. His remains were taken to his birthplace in Virginia for interment.

Dr. Bondurant was born at Rice, Va., in 1870. He entered Hampden-Sidney College, graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1891. Bethany College conferred the degree of A. M. upon him in 1899, and a year later he became a fellow of West Virginia University. From 1902 to 1905 he was a graduate student in Latin and Greek at the University of Chicago, receiving his Ph. D. degree in 1905.

Brother Bondurant was issued into the Kappa Alpha Order at West Virginia University in 1899, serving Alpha Rho Chapter as its I in 1900. He became connected with the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter in 1905, having been elected to the chair of Latin and Greek in the Florida State College for Women--a position he filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to patrons and students. He was held in the highest esteem and affection by his fellow-members of the College faculty and by the student body, and his death is deeply and sincerely deplored by all.

RESOLUTIONS OF TALLAHASSEE ALUMNI CHAPTER.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from earth our dearly beloved brother, B. C. Bondurant, whose Christian character and genial personality had endeared him to the chapter with whom he was associated, and to a large number of friends and acquaintances in whose hearts his memory will long be cherished, therefore be it--

Resolved, That Tallahassee Alumni Chapter and the Kappa Alpha Order have lost in the death of Brother Bondurant one of its most distinguished, brilliant and loyal knights; be it further

Resolved, That this Chapter express its profound sorrow at the untimely death of Brother Bondurant, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives; and be it further

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our beloved brother and a copy be sent to the Kappa Alpha Journal, and that a page in our minutes be devoted to the memory of our brother.

Wm. P. Byrd, Arthur Williams, B. A. McGinness,

Attest: Committee on Resolutions.

Fred T. Myers,

President Tallahassee Chapter.

Miss Jean Patterson, to the regret of many friends, leaves Saturday for Quincy, where she will visit relatives before returning to her home at Muscogee, Fla.

The Junior League meeting next Sunday will be conducted by Milton W. Smith. Topic: "Where are our boys and girls," will be discussed by the members appointed to assist the leader.

Childs Brothers, the enterprising contractors and builders, have been awarded contract for extensive improvements on the place purchased last winter, two miles north of the city, by Mr. Fleischman, the millionaire New York yeast manufacturer. The work will be hurried for the occupancy of Mr. Fleischman and his family this winter.

Florida's seal in silver and enamel, at P. T. Nicholson, the jeweler. 23

Near Death in Big Pond.

It was a thrilling experience to Mrs. Ida Soper to face death. "For years a severe lung trouble gave me intense suffering," she writes, "and several times nearly caused my death. All remedies failed, and doctors said I was incurable. Then Dr. King's New Discovery brought quick relief and a cure so permanent that I have not been troubled in twelve years." Mrs. Soper lives in Big Pond, Pa. "It works wonders in coughs and colds, sore lungs, hemorrhages, in grippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists. 20-1m